



Community Development Block Grant

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Introduction

The Washington State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program provides funds on a competitive basis for local housing, public and community facilities, economic development, and planning projects that principally benefit low- and moderate-income households.

The Washington State CDBG Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The purpose of the state CDBG Program is to improve and maintain the economic and physical environment of eligible, non-entitlement cities and counties in order to enhance the quality of life for low- and moderate-income (LMI) residents and, as a result, benefit the entire community.

Funds Available

Approximately \$18 million in federal funding has been historically distributed on an annual basis through the following **proposed** grant funds:

- **General Purpose Grant** **\$7,500,000**
Contact: Bill Prentice
Annual grant cycle during which eligible applicants may request up to \$1,000,000 per application for local housing, public facilities, community facilities, or economic development/microenterprise projects principally benefiting low- and moderate-income persons. The application due date for the 2005 grant cycle is November 18, 2004, with awards announced mid-March 2005.
- **Community Investment Fund Grant** **\$5,178,030**
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Provides technical and financial assistance to eligible communities of up to \$1,000,000 per application throughout the year on a funds available basis for priority community and economic development projects identified through the Washington Community Economic Revitalization Team (WA-CERT) or Rural Enterprise Community Initiatives. Assistance is coordinated with the department's Resource Team. Technical assistance is provided through the WA-CERT scoping process and on-site visits.
- **Planning-Only Grant** **\$ 600,000**
Contact: Janice Roderick or Sheila Lee-Johnston
Provides funds to eligible communities on a funds available basis for a wide range of planning activities that address public health and safety issues; improve essential services to low- and moderate-income individuals; complete a necessary and specific step within a broader community development strategy; or meet a planning requirement that will principally benefit LMI persons. Grants of up to \$35,000 are available, based on type of project. Consortium of eligible applicants may request up to \$50,000.

Note: Amounts shown proposed for 2005 Program Year

- **Imminent Threat Grant** **\$ 300,000**
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 Provides funds to address unique emergencies posing a serious and immediate threat to public health and safety on a funds availability basis. Upon formal Declaration of Emergency, costs can be covered for a temporary repair or solution while funding for a permanent fix is secured.
- **Housing Enhancement Grant** **\$1,000,000**
 Contact: Sharon Robinson or Dwight Edwards
 Companion funds to support priority applications submitted to the Washington State Housing Trust Fund.
- **Housing Rehabilitation Grants Program** **\$1,500,000**
 Contact: Dwight Edwards
 Funds to support local housing rehabilitation activities. Grants of up to \$500,000 can be awarded annually.
- **Public Services Grant** **\$1,766,000**
 Contact: Kaaren Roe
 Grants made available through counties to community action agencies serving non-entitlement areas for activities serving low- and moderate-income people. Funding provided by formula and administration coordinated with the state Community Services Block Grant Program.
- **Administrative One Percent Set-aside for Technical Assistance**
 One percent of the state's annual allocation of CDBG funding is used to provide technical assistance to CDBG eligible jurisdictions.
- **Business Loan Portfolio**
 Contact: Dan Riebli
 Four types of block grant lending instruments are currently used in Washington to assist business:

 - CDBG Float-Funded Activity Program
 - Loans from the Rural Washington Loan Fund
 - HUD Section 108 Guarantee Loans
 - Regional Microenterprise Development Grants

Eligibility Guidelines

- Eligible applicants are Washington State cities and towns with less than 50,000 in population or counties with less than 200,000 in population that are non-entitlement jurisdictions or are not participants in a HUD Urban County Entitlement Consortium.
- Non-profit organizations, Indian tribes, and special purpose organizations such as public housing authorities, port districts, community action agencies, and economic development councils, are not eligible to apply directly to the CDBG Program for funding. However, eligible jurisdictions may choose to serve Indian tribes within their jurisdiction or to involve the other organizations in the operation of projects funded under the program.
- Projects must principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Low- and moderate-income is defined as 80 percent of county median income.
- Applicants may submit one request per fund each program year.